

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

United States of America

v.

Civil No. 09-cv-117-SM

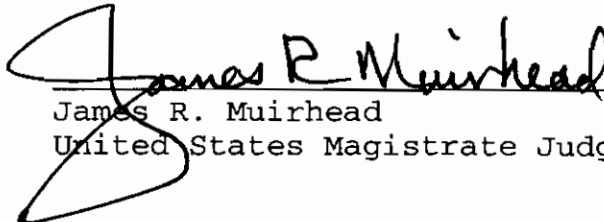
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Massachusetts State Police, and  
Massachusetts Department of  
Conservation and Recreation

**O R D E R**

By statute, a financial interest in a party, however slight (i.e. even one share of stock), results in mandatory disqualification. As I have a financial interest in parties to closely related litigation (involving recovery of clean-up costs at the same site) and issues of contribution among all responsible parties relative to this site may rise, and are specifically referenced in this case, I believe recusal is, if not mandatory, nevertheless appropriate.

Accordingly, I hereby recuse myself from this case.

**SO ORDERED.**

  
James R. Muirhead  
United States Magistrate Judge

Date: July 15, 2009

cc: Jeffrey K. Sands, Esq.